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- "Therefore in glory Spiritual is He pourtrayed to thee With power radiating from Him to all humanity Through these His Earthly Missions; but a type of others borne On Earth, in pity to thy race, by That Exalted One.
- "For all are His. To Him in trust, the Father's love has given Thy planet to watch over, and to bring each Soul to Heaven; And on His high Seraphic plane, no creedal bonds are known, His Heart of Love embraces all—for are not all his own?
- "More shall we have to say—but now the strain thou canst not bear; We leave thee—but the Vision and the lesson ponder o'er; And know these mighty truths we show, are not for thee alone; To stir the hearts of many to receive them are they shown."

Then all was silent, all was o'er, that glorious Vision gone, The golden light, the angel voice, and I was left alone. Was it a dream? a reverie? or was it sterling gold Of purer, brighter, truer ring, than Earth can e'er unfold?

March 17th, 1885.

III.

THE "NEW DISPENSATION," OR "SECOND COMING."

Again retreating from the World, in peaceful solitude Within my sacred chamber, where no presence may intrude Of earthly mould, at that sweet hour of universal rest, When Slumber throws her soothing mantle over every breast;

In thoughtful mood I laid me down, thankful the day was o'er With all its duties, all its cares, and I was free once more: Yes, free in thought, and free in soul, like cagéd bird set free, To revel in the joys of unrestrained liberty.

- "Alone!" I cried, "oh joy! alone!" "No, not alone, my Child." Was it a voice I heard, or echo born of fancy wild? "No fancy wild, oh Mortal, for again we come to thee, Again to teach thee Holy Truths for all humanity.
- "Three lessons have we given thee, through visions glorious,
 Three Truths of mighty import hast thou now received from us,
 And yet another must thou learn, and yet another still,
 For, know we are God's Messengers, His purpose to fulfil."
- O'erawed I listened, then uprose, and lowly bent me down, "Oh Angel Messenger," I prayed, "God's holy will be done, And grant His humble handmaid grace to fittingly receive Those truths so precious to her race, He willest thee to give."
- "Rise up, My Child, thy prayer is heard; now upward turn thine
- What seest thou?" "I see our Angel Guardian in the skies; A golden halo crowns His head, He stands on clouds of light, Around, awaiting His commands, are countless spirits bright.
- "Of every hue, of every clime, of every nation they,
 Throughout the realms of Spirit Land, His gracious call obey,
 For all acknowledge Him their Lord, now from Earthblindness
 free,

And gladly yield obeisance to His supremacy.

- "And lo! a Voice like sweetest music vibrates on my ear:
 'My friends, I have assembled ye, God's high behests to hear;
 Our Father sees the time is ripe that brighter light be given
 To those on Earth, our brethren dear, through ye, already risen.
- "As His Vicegerent now I speak, to ye He gives the power, Communion free with those on Earth to open from this hour; Go forth then, marshalled by Myself, I lead ye in His name To execute His mission high, for Earth's redemption.
- "' Go, show yourselves by sight and sign, that living still are ye, No more must doubt and fear encompass immortality; God's fiat is gone forth, then hasten all ye to obey In joy and gladness, for the mission given ye this day.'
- "All bow—and now that myriad host I see in order grand Move Northward, Southward, Eastward, Westward, each a mighty band;
- And all with purpose high, intent their mission to fulfil, With loving zeal to execute the Father's holy will.
- "But now, a strange thing meets my gaze. Angel, I pray thee say, What meaneth it that those whose hue betrays the burning ray Of Eastern Sun, and Torrid Zone, Westward and Northward go, Vile those of fairer hue to Eastern, Southern countries flow?"

- "My Child, herein the lesson is, thou now must learn this day, And hence the Vision given, that to thee we may convey Its import high in characters clear as the noon-day sun, Clear as God's holy will to us; and may that will be done.
- "The Vision shown thee well portrays the grand reality Of active work in Spirit realms, for Earth's humanity; The 'Second Coming' of our Lord, in glory Spiritual With all His angel messengers, God's bidding to fulfil.
- "And as thou sawest spirits fly to countries not their own,
 It is to show thee, that in Heaven, hearts not creeds are known,
 Nor hue, nor clime. Ponder this o'er, my Child, I leave thee now,
 And pray that Wisdem from on High may rest upon thy brow."

March 26th, 1885.

IV.

THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION.

Again upon the outer world, my chamber door I close In peaceful joy that now no thought of Earth may interpose Between me and my God: Or bar that sweet communion high With those already gone before into Eternity.

And thus absorbed in deepest thought, I knelt in humble prayer That He Whose Soul-enlightening presence permeates everywhere, Might bless me with the Heavenly glow of His dear presence here, With love and wisdom Spiritual my yearning heart to cheer.

And as I prayed, behold before my Vision now appear'd A wondrous sight! A globe of large dimensions in the air: Like Mother Earth to me it seemed, for on its surface fair, Her continents and islands, seas and oceans pictured were.

And slowly it rotated, that my Vision might embrace All countries in succession, every clime and every race. What meaneth it? I asked, in mental query—when a sound Like softest music met my ear, and made my heart rebound;

For well that Angel Voice I knew, that Voice of soothing love, Like rippling waters of a stream, life's dewdrops from above; Yea, dewdrops on a Soul athirst for living dew from Heaven, Reviving it, renewing it, with its most precious leaven.

"My Child, no questions ask as yet, but watch in faith and see The gradual unfolding of this Vision given thee." Such were the gracious words vouchsafed unto me, as I knelt In humble attitude, and gazed in silent wonderment

Upon that moving sphere; when lo! encircling it I saw A band of light; its brilliancy increasing more and more Unto the perfect day: and on that band, in words of gold, Illumined as with glow of Heaven's rays, there was unrolled

That old familiar precept called "The Golden." Thus it ran:
"Love God with all your heart and soul, and love your brother man
As though yourself. In this the sum of all religion true,
Throughout the Universe, God's law—most ancient—ever new."

- "My Child," the Angel said, "thou seest now the reason why That glorious 'Golden Rule' encircles all humanity Of every country, every clime, embracing all in one, One Universal Brotherhood—as God wills should be done.
- "In previous lessons hast thou learnt, no creeds are known in Heaven,
- God's 'Golden Rule' for every Soul, as on that band engraven, Is all complete for time and age, for every race and nation, Its simple grandeur reaches all, throughout His wide Creation.
- "This lesson learn—and far and wide impart it, as the seal And sum and substance of God's law, for Man's eternal weal Whether in Earth or Heaven—yea, engraven must it be On every heart aspiring to a blest Eternity.
- "And this the Golden Message to be borne to every land By those Angelic Messengers, who under God's command, Led on by Jesus, our Lord, now visit Earth again, His mighty Truths to propagate amongst their fellow-men.
- "And now, my Child, once more adieu, each lesson ponder o'er; The fifth has now been given thee—a precious, priceless store, Entrusted to thy keeping—Oh, a faithful servant be, And use them for God's Glory, and to serve humanity."

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No. I.

A GREAT MYSTERY.

In the silence of my chamber, in the stillness of the night, When the fever of life's struggles no longer dims the sight, Then my soul its power grasping, then my spirit taking wing, Upsoars to Life Supernal, and to thoughts that round it cling.

And thus in meditation deep, one night not long gone by, On that mystery of mysteries, "The Holy Trinity," Unrolled before my vision was a new translation given In words that glowed as diamonds in the star-lit vault of Heaven.

- "Oh, Mortal," thus the message ran—"we now unfold to thee That yet unravelled mystery, 'The Holy Trinity:'
 Our Father-Mother, 'God Supreme,' Wisdom and Love in One, Creative Energy and Power, pourtrayed in 'God the Son.'
- "From Love Almighty, Love Supreme, conjoined with Wisdom high In equal Majesty, sprang forth Creative Energy; (That power that bade the myriad worlds that meet thy gaze 'To be,'

That power that peopled them with forms of life in harmony.")

"In these behold 'The Trinity' of Father-Mother-Son, Of Wisdom, Love, and Power combined, the Holy 'Three-in-One'; One perfect Whole thus stands revealed to our adoring eye, And thus interpret we to thee 'The Holy Trinity.'"

In awe I gazed; when gradually they faded from my view, Those words of startling import, giving rise to thoughts so new. Then where "Tae Holy Spirit" of the ancient Three-in-One? Is He from His high place dethroned? His name and glory gone!

And where "The Jesus" of our love? Is He dethroned too? A myth, a symbol only, is He now proclaimed to view? He lost to us for evermore, round Whom our heart-strings cling, Our precious Lord and Master, our Brother and our King?

- "It cannot be, forbid it, God," in anguish deep I cried; When lo! a gentle Voice in whispering accents by my side Said, "Fear not, Child, but listen while we yet expound to thee Our second lesson gathered from 'The Holy Trinity.'
- "The Father Mother Son the perfect Wisdom, Love, and Power, Know well their children's needs from day to day, from hour to hour:
- Know well they need a loving Guide, a Guardian to watch o'er Their faltering steps and lead them on from Shore to brighter Shore.
- "And such is Jesus, called 'The Christ,' in Ancient times, as now, 'The Expression' of the Three-in-One, embodied here below As Chrishna, Buddha, Jesus, born on earth to lead the way To ever clearer, brighter Light, unto meridian day.
- "And such The Holy Spirit is; 'The Comforter' foretold By Jesus, when on earth He lived some thirty years, of old; "Twas of Himself He prophesied, that He would ever be, Nearer and ever nearer drawn to our humanity.

- "And hath He not His word fulfilled? 'The Comforter' hath been In every hour of need to all who draw near unto Him? Whether as Chrishna, Buddha, Christ, 'tis still God's 'Holy Son,' God's 'Holy Spirit' sent to earth from God the 'Three-in-One.'
- "'Tis He, the Comforter and Guide, dear Guardian, tender Friend, Who from all time the Mission had, thy Planet, 'Earth,' to tend; 'Tis He, 'The Expression' of our God, incarnate for Earth's weal, In earthly robes of differing forms, but the same Spirit still.
- "Know then, oh Child, and understand the lessons taught thee now Of grand and mighty Truths; and may thy Soul and Spirit bow In deep humility before that Wisdom, Love, and Power, That deigns thee knowledge so sublime; a precious, priceless dower."

In awe these wondrous words I heard, flashed to me from above
As living Truths upon my Soul, vouchsafed to me in love,
And with deep gratitude in prayer and praise, my Soul o'erflowed
To Him, the Almighty "Three-in-One," Love, Wisdom, Power—
"God."

January 24th, 1885.

II.

"AND I SAW A GREAT LIGHT."

Reclining in my old armchair, from worldly cares set free, The inner Soul expanding in a thoughtful reverie On all the wonders of my life, since first the "opened door" Yielded its sweet communion with the loved ones gone before.

Methought the chamber glistened with a strange supernal light Of golden hue! I upward gazed, when lo! a wondrous sight Was shown unto me! In the air, mid sunlight's dazzling rays, Stood forms majestic! Three were there, presented to my gaze.

And side by side stood they—in beauty unapproachable, Yet in ascending scale! The third, so grandly beautiful, No words of earthly language could the portraiture convey, Of that Soul-illumined Being, in His glittering array!

"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet," I heard a Voice then say,
"For the place whereon thou standest is most holy ground this
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Rememberest thou the Vision of the three-fold-mystery? Rememberest thou the lessens that we then vouchsafed to thee?

- "Look upward now, for yet another lesson must thou learn
 Of truths that shall proclaimed be, before the noonday sun:
 For now the time appointed is, now is the 'Day of Grace,'
 When—the veil uprolled—a grander light shall shine upon
 thy race."
- I looked! The Blessed Three were there! And as I looked, I saw That cords of light attached them to each other evermore, And over them, in words of gold, illumined as the sun, Were "Chrishna, Buddha, Jesus, One in Three and Three in One."

Whilst wrapt in contemplation on this glorious scene, a Voice Resounded through the air in words, "Rejoice! oh Child, rejoice, For now the illustration of the second lesson given Prepares thee to receive yet higher, holier light from Heaven.

- "Then higher turn thy gaze, and tell me now what meets thy view."
- "I see a grander Being still, on clouds like sparkling dew, So brilliantly the rainbow tints appear refracted there, Like tens of million diamonds upon the sun-lit air.
- "I see Him high above the Three, and from His Person flows Unto them myriads of rays—each ray through them endows, Now North, now South, now East, now West, with light some hungry soul

To lighten on his darksome way, unto the brighter goal.

- "And oh! His countenance is Love, and tenderness divine; 'I cannot spare one soul,' He says, 'for all, all, all, are Mine.' Who is this Glorious Being? Who? Angel, I pray thee say; Interpret me this vision, that I fail not by the way."
- "My Child, this Vision given is, to show the time is here, When knowledge Spiritual shall flow throughout the earthly sphere; Led on by Him, Whose mortal incarnations now are o'er, Whose Spiritual power henceforth shall spread from shore to shore,

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